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Manager's Newsletter

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Highlights from Town Council Meeting – February 2, 2009

- Two new employees were introduced – Police Officer II, Dwayne Drummond and Firefighter, Steve Burkhart.
- Council proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. This proclamation calls upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.
- Council adopted text amendment proposal to add Article VI, *Stormwater Management* to Chapter 7 (Chapter 12 after recodification) of the Town Code setting minimum standards for on-site stormwater retention and management for office, commercial, multi-family residential and institutional uses requiring site plan review under Town Code Chapter 20, Subsection 20-55(a)(3) (Chapter 42 after

recodification).

- Council adopted text amendment proposal to update Chapter 19 (Chapter 38 after recodification), *Subdivisions*, with revisions to the approval process, plat certification requirements, and development standards.
- Council deferred, until May 4, 2009 council meeting, proposal to amend Subsection 20-437(8) by setting minimum width standards for drive aisles within parking lots, amending related standards in subsections 20-436(b) and 20-437(2), and adding a new section 20-72 creating allowances for existing, nonconforming parking lots. (All references to Chapter 20 and sections therein will be amended to Chapter 42 after recodification).
- Call for public hearing has been set for May 4, 2009 for the text amendment proposal to amend Section 20-465 (Section 42-465 after recodification), *Temporary Sign Permits*, to clarify several standards and maintain consistency with the current approval practices for temporary banners.
- In unfinished business Council approved text amendment proposal to add Article V, Section 7-141 (Section 12-141 after recodification), Land Disturbance, to Chapter 7 (Chapter 12 after recodification) of the Town Code outlining general provisions for fill and grading activities.
- Mayor Pro Tem Perry was appointed to the Albemarle Commission Rural Transportation Advisory Committee. This committee consists of elected officials or designees from local and state governmental agencies directly related to and concerned with the transportation planning process for the Albemarle RPO planning area. The term of office is for two years.
- Council deferred action until May 4, 2009 on improvements to Amadus Avenue.

Heritage Day Festival Meeting

The Heritage Day Festival Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 6:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to begin planning for the Heritage Day Festival on September 26th. Citizens and volunteers are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Kitty Hawk Town Hall, 101 Veterans Memorial Dr., Kitty Hawk, NC.

Beach Wheelchair Available During Summer Months

The Kitty Hawk Fire Department has a beach wheelchair that is available for use by Kitty Hawk's residents and visitors. Please call the Fire Department at 261-2666 during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) to reserve the chair. You will be asked to provide your name, the name of the person who will be using the chair, home address and home telephone number. You will also need to provide a local address and telephone number. The wheel chair does not fold easily, so your vehicle should be large enough to hold the chair. At the time of pickup, you will also need to sign a liability waiver and to provide us with a copy of your driver's license. There is strong demand for the beach wheelchair during the summer months, so please make your reservation as early as possible.

Joe Heard Graduates Municipal Administration Course

Joe Heard, Director of Planning & Inspections, Town of Kitty Hawk, has successfully graduated from the 2008-2009 Municipal Administration Course of the School of Government, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The program in Municipal Administration is designed for managers, department heads, and officials whose responsibilities require a broad understanding of functions beyond individual areas of specialization. The course is approximately 150 hours in length, and more than 60 instructors participate in leading the program. Course instruction covers North Carolina local government law, organization and management, finance and budgeting, employment law and administration, planning and regulation of development, and the delivery of specific city or county services. Joe Heard was one of 64 officials who graduated the course this year and is one of over 2,600 officials who have completed the course since it began in 1954.

Kitty Hawk Fire Department News

Congratulations to Bob Bent, who recently attained the rank of Master Firefighter after completing the requisite training/certifications (Fire Inspector Level 1, Child Safety Seat Technician, CPR Instructor, NC State Driver/Operator Certification, NC State Aerial Certification, NC Equipment/Breathing School, NC EMT, Leadership I and II, and four years of firefighting experience. Bob joined the Kitty Hawk Fire Department as a volunteer in 1997, then worked as a part-time firefighter, and in 2002 joined the full-time staff.

On April 14, the Kitty Hawk Fire Department hosted a Fire Inspector Update course, which was taught by Fire Captain J. P. Askew and Fire Engineer Ben Alexander. Bob Bent, Master Firefighter; and Captain Cole Yeatts attended the class, as well as fire inspectors from Duck, Nags Head, Colington, and Dare County.

The Fire Department also hosted a Firefighter Instructional Methodology course on the weekend of April 18 and 19. The course was taught by Jonathan Sowers of the NC State Office of the Fire Marshal. Members of the Kitty Hawk Fire Department who attended were Chief Lowell Spivey; Ben Alexander, Fire Engineer; Captain J. P. Askew; Bob Bent, Master Firefighter; Firefighter Hunter Phillips; Captain Cole Yeatts, as well as members of the Fayetteville, Nags Head, and Southern Shores Fire Departments.

Yard Sale Donations Requested by KHFD Ladies' Auxiliary

The Kitty Hawk Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary is seeking donations for our 3rd Annual Yard Sale. We ask that all items be in "good, usable" condition. Deadline for donations is Friday, May 15.

Items may be dropped off at the Kitty Hawk Fire Department, 859 West Kitty Hawk Road. For large item pickup, please call Jac.E Bent at 267-3289 to arrange a time. The Yard

Sale will be held on Saturday, May 23. All proceeds will benefit the KHFD.

Kitty Hawk Fire Department Association
2009 Golf Tournament
Saturday, May 30, 2009
Shotgun Start Time at 1:00 pm
Hosted by Duck Woods Golf Course
50 S. Dogwood Trail, Southern Shores, NC 27949

Tournament Details:

The KHFDA Annual Golf Tournament is a Captain's Choice Tournament, limited to 30 teams. The cost per team for the tournament is \$320.00; the price includes golf cart, green fees, and a fish fry dinner at the completion of the tournament. Awards will be given to the top three teams in the Open Class and the top team made up of all firefighters from the same department.

To register your team or become a sponsor for the tournament, please contact the Fire Department at 261-2666. Registration forms may also be downloaded from our website, Kittyhawkfd.com. Click on KHFDA Golf to access Open Team, Fire Department Team, and/or Sponsorship registration forms.

Kitty Hawk Police Department 2008 Yearly Report

The Kitty Hawk Police Department 2008 Yearly Report is available online. The yearly report is compiled each year to give an overall view of the Police Department's statistical activity during the past year, and compares this to prior years. The comparison will enable the Department to observe trends and make adjustments for more effective law enforcement strategies. This report is broken down into the following categories: General Police Activities, Crash Data, Traffic Enforcement, Criminal Investigations, and Police Services. You can find the report at www.kittyhawkpolice.org.

Kudos to Kitty Hawk Police Department
A Note from a Kitty Hawk Resident

This year we were fortunate to spend the month of March in Florida on vacation. While preparing for the trip in February, we learned of the Residence Check Program that was available to us and we contacted the Kitty Hawk Police Department. The idea that our Police Department would take the time to randomly check our home twice a day while we were gone brought peace of mind during our absence and a great deal of pride in knowing that we live in a town where the police take the time to proactively protect us.

We briefed our neighbors on what to expect and throughout the month they told us about police officers at various hours of the day and night checking locks and observing the property. Not only were we impressed with the thoroughness of this service but our neighbors were delighted to hear of this service. At one point an officer came to our front door and it was unlocked. He went inside, called out and our housekeeper ran to the door. She explained that she had a key and was doing her monthly cleaning job. The officer was very nice but said he would like to hear that from us. A quick call found us and we explained everything. The officer was very professional and pleasant. We arrived home the evening of April 2nd at about 6:30 p.m. and while we were unpacking a police car pulled up and the officer got out of his car and came over and shook our hands and welcomed us home. It does not get any better than that!

Chief Ward, it is very hard to adequately express our thanks in words for the service that you and your officers provided to us during "Residence Watch" and for the daily work that you do for all the citizens of Kitty Hawk. You are a terrific group of professionals, always polite, courteous, and always on the job! My wife and I request that you pass on to all your officers, our thanks and appreciation for a job well done!

Grand Opening of Harris Teeter Food Market in Kitty Hawk

Charlotte, NC – Harris Teeter is excited to open a store in Kitty Hawk, NC welcoming over 80 associates to the new location. The new Harris Teeter will be located in Shoreside Center on 5400 North Croatan Highway. The store is scheduled to open on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 following a ribbon cutting ceremony at 8:00 a.m.

Harris Teeter will bring exceptional customer service; top-quality Farmers Market produce; a full service meat market with USDA Rancher Beef, HT Reserve Angus Beef, and HT Naturals Natural Beef; Fishermans Market Seafood; and Fresh Foods Market Deli/Bakery items, along with an extensive selection of national brand and private label products to the families surrounding our new store site.

To celebrate the grand opening, Harris Teeter has a variety of parking lot activities on the weekends following the opening. May 8 -10, the Harris Teeter Ice Cream Truck will be at the store offering free ice cream to customers, and the Rancher Mobile Grill will also be at the store May 15 – 17. There will be grand opening food demonstrations during both weekends, introducing customers to Harris Teeter's delicious own brand products as well as national brand items. The company also welcomes shoppers to sign up for e-VIC, a FREE service that notifies them when items they regularly buy are on sale. In addition, we are pleased to introduce shoppers to **yourwellness e-letters**. Shoppers who sign up to be a yourwellness e-letter member receive a bi-monthly e-mail newsletter designed to help them **get healthy, stay healthy and feel great, plus member only discounts**. Information about the Harris Teeter **yourwellness program** is available FREE online at harristeeter.com.

Fast Facts

Store Address: Shoreside Center
5400 North Croatan Highway
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

Opening Date: Wednesday, May 6 at 8:00am

Square Footage: 53,000

Store Hours: 24 hours

Check-Out Lanes: 10 checkouts and 2 express checkouts

Features and Departments:

Full Service Meat Department • Full Service Fishermans Market • Farmers Market Produce and Certified Green Thumb Experts • Full Service Fresh Foods Market Deli/Bakery • Specialty, Natural, and Organic Foods • Rotisserie Items • International Foods • Cheeses from Around the World • Artisan Breads • Sushi • Fresh Fruit Bar • Full Service Floral • Produce Party Trays • Wines • Custom Cakes • Imported Beers • Western Union • Coinstar • Red Box DVD Rental Kiosk • Senior Citizen Discount

Voluntary Residential Curbside Recycling March Monthly Report

Tons Collected	1.05
Number of Carts / Customers	21
Refused Service	0
Undeliverable Loads	0
Approximate Collection Percentages	
Newsprint	21.50%
HDPE-Plastic	10.50%
Aluminum	11.50%
Pet Plastic	13.50%
Steel	9.0%
Old Corrugated Cardboard	13.0%
Glass	13.0%
Residue	8.0%

Litter Sweep Roadside Cleanup – Spring 2009 April 18 - May 2

The beauty of spring is here. You can make spring in North Carolina even more beautiful by participating in the N.C. Department of Transportation *Litter Sweep* roadside cleanup that will take place April 18 – May 2, 2009. This is your opportunity to demonstrate your support for a clean North Carolina by organizing a community cleanup during *Litter Sweep*. For more information please call the Litter Sweep Hotline at 1-800-331-5864 or online at www.ncdot.gov/~beautification.

NCDENR Recreational Water Quality Monitoring Program To Hold Public Meeting

The NCDENR Recreational Water Quality Monitoring Program will be holding a public meeting on May 5, 2009 in Kitty Hawk. The meeting will be held at the Kitty Hawk Town Hall at 10:00 a.m. You are encouraged to attend.

The primary purpose of the Recreational Water Quality Program is to protect public health by monitoring the quality of recreational waters and notifying the public when bacteriological standards for safe bodily contact are exceeded. The main purpose for facilitating this meeting is to educate the local town governments about our program, discuss how and why swimming advisories are posted, and the process of public notification. You will have the opportunity to provide input regarding the monitoring locations and tier designations.

North Carolina Irrigation Contractors' Licensing Board

The North Carolina Board of Irrigation Contractors' was established by the legislation which became effective January 1, 2009. The board oversees the licensing of Irrigation Contractors in North Carolina. The purpose of licensure is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and to promote the efficient use of water. The new licensure law comes into full effect on June 30, 2009.

According to the recently enacted licensure law, no person shall engage in the practice of irrigation construction or contracting, use the designation 'irrigation contractor,' or advertise using any title or description that implies licensure as an irrigation contractor unless the person is licensed as an irrigation contractor. All irrigation construction or contracting performed by an individual, partnership, association, corporation, firm, or other group shall be under the direct supervision of an individual licensed by the Board.

Grandfather provisions apply until June 29, 2009. For more information info@nciclb.org.

10 Tips to Save Energy and Keep Cool This Summer

1. **Raise your thermostat to 78°.** This is the number one way to conserve energy.
2. **When you are away from home for more than eight hours, raise the thermostat setting and you can expect to see a 1% savings for each degree of setback.** This will reduce the amount of energy used to cool your home you're away.
3. **Keep shades closed when the air conditioner is on.** Sunny windows account for 40 percent of unwanted heat and can make your air conditioner work two to three times harder.

4. **Check and clean filters.** Cleaning and replacing air conditioning filters monthly allows the system to run more efficiently.
5. **Install ceiling fans.** Don't underestimate the importance of ceiling fans. Moving air over the body provides a cooling effect. The use of ceiling fans can mean savings of around 25% on cooling costs and can make the temperature seem 10 degrees cooler.
6. **Make sure ceiling fans are blowing down.** Most fans have a switch to change the fan direction. Make sure ceiling fans are blowing downward (in a counter-clockwise direction) to send air past your body.
7. **Run appliance with large energy use late in the evening.** Use the dishwasher and clothes washer late in the evening. When used during the day, these appliances produce additional heat, causing your air conditioner to work harder.
8. **Use cold water to wash dishes and clothes.** This will save on water heating costs.
9. **Unplug equipment not in use. Electronic chargers, televisions, and audio/video equipment use electricity and produce heat even when they are not in use.** Running an older refrigerator can use up to three times the energy of a modern one. Unplug any appliance when it's not in use.
10. **Turn off lights.** Turn off lights when exiting a room. Consider replacing incandescent bulbs with energy efficient compact florescent lights (CFLs). And remember to recycle CFLs whenever possible.

*Information provided by Dominion Power

Opportunities to Participate

Heritage Day Festival Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 6 p.m.

Town Council Meeting

Monday, May 4, 2009 at 6 p.m.

Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 6 p.m.

(All Meetings to be held at Kitty Hawk Town Hall unless otherwise noted.)